

## Church News

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**Fields:** A most delightful meeting was held with this church in July by Rev. A. G. Irons. Six new members were received into the church on profession of faith.

**Mt. Tabor:** Rev. A. N. Atkins began a meeting in this church on the second Sabbath of August, preaching twice each day until Friday evening. The congregations were large, increased daily, and were very attentive and appreciative. Great good was done. As a visible result of the meeting three promising young people were added to the membership of the Presbyterian church by profession, a Bible Readers' Club of seventeen members and a Family Worship Club of seven members were organized, and all of the officers and members of the different churches came forward at the close of the services on Friday morning and reconsecrated themselves to the service of God. As many more young people are expected to unite with the church on the second Sabbath of September. There is much prospect of growth in this old church. Some of the very best people in the world are members of it.

**Bethany:** A most pleasant and profitable week's meeting has just been held at Old Bethany church, in Greene County, conducted by Rev. J. D. McPhail, of Waynesboro, Ga., supervisor of Home Missions for the Presbytery of Augusta. Congregations were large and attentive, and the whole community was greatly benefited. Nine were added to the membership of the church, all by profession of faith in Christ.

### KENTUCKY.

**Big Spring:** We have just closed a ten days' meeting in this church. The pastor was assisted by Rev. C. H. Prather, of Anchorage. Mr. Prather was reared here, and has a large circle of friends in this section. The services were well attended despite the unfavorable weather conditions, and the busy season with the farmers. Twelve were added to the church on confession, nine of whom were adults.

**Bloomfield:** This church was struck by lightning recently and the tower considerably damaged. It is considered marvelous that the entire building was not destroyed by fire. The loss is fully covered by insurance, and repairs will be made as soon as a settlement is had with the insurance company. Extensive repairs and improvements will be undertaken at the same time, consisting chiefly of repainting the outside woodwork, and retouching the interior decorations.

### MISSISSIPPI.

**Presbytery of Mississippi** will meet in Pine Ridge church, Adams County, Miss., Tuesday, October 10, 1916, at 7:30 P. M. Opening sermon by Rev. O. M. Anderson, of Centerville.

S. C. Caldwell,

Stated Clerk.

**Meridian Presbytery** will meet at Leaksville Tuesday, October 10th, 7:30 P. M., in regular fall session by standing rule No. 1.

A. B. Coit, S. C.

**Meridian, First:** This church has recently made its third valuable contribution to the Church at large in the gift of its third daughter to a distinct form of Christian service. Miss Aline McKenzie, the deaconess of this church, was the first; Miss Lucy Paine, who graduated at our Training School at Richmond and is now assistant to Dr. Earnest Thompson, of Charleston, W. Va., was second, and Miss Earline White, who enters the Training School in September, is the third. We also

have some fine young men looking forward to the ministry and other forms of Christian work.

We rejoice that God is calling so many of these choice young people into His blessed service.

**Aberdeen:** For three years this church was without a pastor, and during this time only an occasional transient minister preached. In the summer of 1914 Candidate E. C. Scott, Jr., supplied for three months, devoting one-half of his time here. When Mr. Scott graduated at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, in May, a call was extended to him for his full time. Heretofore, the church has felt able to take a minister for half his time only. The fact that the small congregation has undertaken full support of a pastor after three years of disintegration is most encouraging. Another heartening fact is that the Sabbath school has been kept running constantly by faithful workers. On July 14th at a called meeting of Presbytery in the church at Aberdeen, Candidate E. C. Scott, Jr., was licensed and ordained, and installed as pastor. At the morning service July 30th the Lord's Supper was observed, the first in several years, at which time eight members were received. This brings our total resident membership to sixty-eight. At the evening service three ruling elders and two deacons were ordained and installed. It is the earnest prayer of every one that the church may just now enter upon a most fruitful period. Surely we have grounds for our hopes. Cor.

### MISSOURI.

**Missouri Valley:** A few years ago a Confederate veteran and his wife, who live in a little secluded valley among the foothills of the Ozarks near the Little Missouri River, and who were the only Presbyterians in that locality, asked that they might have preaching. At that time there was not even a school-house in the community, so the first preaching services were held in his yard. Later a school-house was built near by and regular mid-week services conducted once a month. Twenty-eight others joined the church and were received into the Kirby church, eight miles away. Recently a church was organized, the name of which is Missouri Valley Presbyterian church, and the elderly gentleman above mentioned was elected and installed as its elder. The Ozan-Graysonia Lumber Company donated land on which to build a church, the people in the community donated the timber and their time, and a little local mill agreed to saw the lumber as a donation toward building a church. Work has already begun, progress on which will be reported later.

**The Presbytery of Upper Missouri** will hold its one hundred and thirty-third stated meeting in the Barnesville Presbyterian church, Tuesday evening, September 19, 1916, at 8:00 o'clock, the opening sermon to be preached by the moderator, Rev. Mark A. Hopkins. Brethren attending should go to Lawson, Missouri, on the early evening train, where they will be met by a committee from the church.

Rev. C. R. Nisbet, S. C.

### NORTH CAROLINA.

**Davidson:** With the approach of September and the beginning of a new college year, September 7th, the friends of Davidson are asking those who are supposed to know what is the outlook for the coming session. It is a pleasure to learn from the president's office here that prospects were never brighter in the history of Davidson. The signed application blanks for admittance are well in excess of a year ago, when the high water mark was reached, and further still the office reports that never has the prepara-

tion of the men who will enter the freshman class been quite so high in average. The local force in charge of such work is putting campus and dormitories and all lecture halls and rooms in perfect order in preparation for the new year. Professor Macon Reed and family came in a few days ago, he having taken a course of study in Columbia University during the summer. Rev. Dr. C. M. Richards will be absent from his pulpit through September 3rd. The congregation had the pleasure of hearing a thoughtful and interesting sermon from Rev. Dr. H. M. Parker, of Statesville, last Sunday morning, this being the first time that Dr. Parker has preached here.

### SOUTH CAROLINA.

**Campobello:** Mr. A. P. Toomer, a student in Columbia Seminary, has been conducting religious services in the Campobello home mission field in Enoree Presbytery this summer, and has been assisted in his work by Rev. T. H. Law, Rev. J. O. Reavis, Rev. E. P. Davis and Mr. P. W. DuBose. The field is situated on the railroad from Spartanburg to Asheville, and is composed of Inman, Campobello and Landrum. Campobello is the only organized church in Enoree Presbytery north of the Southern Railway. At Landrum there are twenty members of Presbyterian churches and others who sympathize with our denomination. A church of our faith and order should be organized at Landrum, a growing town of a thousand people. We worship in the Methodist church. The Campobello people have a good house of worship on a large, well located lot.

At Travelers' Rest, nine miles from Greenville, S. C., there reside several Presbyterians who are members of the First, Second and Palmer churches of that city and also of two other churches. One of them has offered a lot on which to build a chapel for religious services.

### TENNESSEE.

**Soddy:** The "home-coming" of this church, on August 18th-20th, deserves more than a passing notice: The nature of such a meeting depends upon "who is coming home," and "what kind of a 'home' are they coming to?" This was no ordinary "home-coming," but the call of a spiritual mother to her children to "come home" and renew their "ties of fellowship" and the joy of holy "communion" in Christian love.

The Soddy Presbyterian church was organized in 1828, by a few "Scotch-Irish" families from the Carolinas, and since that time has been sending into all the Southern States a stream of sons and daughters, who have been carrying the standard of Jesus Christ into the regions "beyond." The least of these contributions to the Church are her sons in the gospel ministry, among whom are the following:

Rev. James A. Wallace, D. D., deceased, former pastor of the Sweetwater and Chattanooga Central churches; Rev. J. Albert Wallace, D. D., deceased, president for many years of King College; Rev. Marshall McGill, deceased, who entered the Cumberland Presbyterian church; Rev. William C. Wallace, retired, now at Panama, Fla.; Rev. Richard C. Reed, D. D., professor of the English Bible and Homiletics in the Columbia Theological Seminary; Rev. Ben E. Wallace, D. D., evangelist for the Synod of Texas; Rev. A. L. Patterson, D. D., pastor of First church, Savannah, Ga.; Rev. James D. Wallace, pastor at Georgetown, Ky.; Rev. J. R. McRee, pastor at Iva, S. C.; Rev. J. F. Coleman, pastor of Brick church, Columbia, Tenn.; Rev. John K. Roberts, pastor at Carthage, N. C.; Rev. Wallace Clift, pastor at Portland, Tex.; Rev. I. E. Wallace, pastor at Westminster,

S. C.; Rev. J. Q. Wallace, pastor at Franklin, N. C., and principal of the Morris Industrial School; and Rev. A. E. Wallace, pastor at Athens, Tenn.

Of this number nine were on hand, and in addition, Rev. Dugald Monroe, who was pastor of the church for twenty years; Rev. George O. Bachman, the father of the young pastor of the church, Rev. Roy D. Bachman; and Rev. O. E. Gardner, pastor of the North Chattanooga Presbyterian church, U. S. A., all of whom took part in the services.

The program of exercises began on Friday night, with a service of song, led by Rev. Wallace Clift, a gospel singer of great ability; a devotional service, led by Rev. D. Monroe; and a sermon by Rev. A. L. Patterson. The home-coming service took place on Saturday morning, and this service will long be remembered by those present, on account of the "home-going" of the senior elder of the church, John A. Wallace, who was to have presided during the exercises. After being called to the platform, and making a few introductory remarks with regard to his dream of many years, and which with the assistance of the young pastor, was about being realized, he introduced representatives of the session, the Board of Deacons, the Ladies' Missionary Society, and the Sunday-school, and then arising to introduce the pastor, Rev. Roy D. Bachman, who should add his "greetings" when he suddenly fell backward into the arms of Rev. B. E. Wallace and expired. Dead! No!

"There is no death. What seems so is transition!" So Moses died during the "crowning" moment of his life. Thus Elijah lived as he went from earthly tenement to the heavenly home and both appeared with the Son of God, and "spoke of his decease." John A. Wallace died of joy, so great that the human heart could not contain it! The whole congregation seemed to feel it; and after the body had been removed to the home nearby, a message from the family showed that they too had caught the "vision," and asked that the services be continued as they had been planned. The following responses to the cordial greetings were made:

(1) From South Carolina, Revs. J. E. Wallace and J. R. McCree; (2) from North Carolina, Revs. J. K. Roberts and J. C. Wallace; (3) from Georgia, Rev. A. L. Patterson; (4) from Alabama, Hugh McCree, M. D.; (5) from Tennessee, Revs. J. F. Coleman and A. E. Wallace; from Kentucky, Rev. J. D. Wallace, and (7) from Texas, Revs. Wallace Clift and B. E. Wallace and Elder W. McDonald.

The services of Saturday night and Sunday were unusually impressive. After song services, led by Wallace Clift, a solo by this sweet singer, or by Rev. John K. Roberts, and a devotional exercise, by another of these gifted preachers, Rev. J. E. Wallace preached on Saturday night; Rev. B. E. Wallace on Sunday morning, and Rev. J. D. Wallace on Sunday night.

Sunday was the great day of the "feast." It had been the prayer of the deceased elder, "that this gathering be not merely a time of earthly jollification, but a spiritual service for God and humanity," and his prayer was being answered; two addresses to the Sunday-school, by Rev. George O. Bachman, and Rev. J. K. Roberts, and the two services, in which powerful sermons were preached, and the Spirit of God manifested His presence will long be remembered. The funeral service at the house, at 4 P. M., was conducted by Rev. Roy D. Bachman and Rev. D. Monroe, and short addresses were made by several others. The night service was characterized by a wonderful spiritual uplift, and all

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